

SHIRE OF CAPEL

MINUTES OF THE DISABILITY ACCESS INCLUSION PLAN COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE ZIRCON MEETING ROOM, CAPEL COMMUNITY CENTRE, FORREST ROAD, CAPEL ON THURSDAY, 26 APRIL 2012 COMMENCING AT 10.00AM.

COMMITTEE: Council Delegate & Presiding Member	Cr G Norton
Council Delegate	Cr J Scott
Council Delegate	Cr B Smith
Capel/Dardanup HACC	Ms M Blechynden
Disability Services Commission	Ms K Dzimati
Capel Seniors	Ms D Brooks
Capel Seniors	Ms V Gibson
Boyanup Seniors	Ms L Willis
Director, Technical Services	Mr W Butler
Community Representative	Mr P Sears

PRESENT: Community Development Officer	Ms J Whistler
Disability Access Consultant	Ms C Evans

DA0401 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Moved Cr J Scott, Seconded M Blechynden

That the Minutes of the Disability Access Inclusion Plan Committee meeting held on 1st December 2011 be confirmed.

Carried
10/0

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple majority

BUSINESS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

DA0402 Consultation Session with Disability Consultant to develop Disability Access and Inclusion Plan 2012 - 2017

REPORTING OFFICER

Jenna Whistler – Community Development Officer	31.05.12
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DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST	Nil
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OWNER/APPLICANT

Shire of Capel

MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION

- To identify priority areas and issues for inclusion in the Disability Access and Inclusion Plan 2012 – 2017.
- To determine strategies to address these issues and priorities for inclusion in the Disability Access and Inclusion Implementation Plan

ATTACHMENTS

Shire of Capel Draft Disability Access and Inclusion Plan 2012 - 2017

APPLICANT’S SUBMISSION Nil

BACKGROUND

At the Council meeting held 11 July 2007, Council resolved to adopt the Shire of Capel Disability Access and Inclusion Plan and the Shire of Capel Disability Access and Inclusion Plan Implementation Plan 2007 -2012. This existing plan expires in July 2012 and Disability Service Commission requires local government to review and adopt a new plan every five years.

Disability Access Consultant, Cindy Evans, was engaged to develop the original Disability Access and Inclusion Plan in 2007 in partnership with seven other local government authorities. Cindy Evans was engaged again in March 2012 to conduct consultation and develop the Shire of Capel Disability Access and Inclusion Plan 2012 – 2017 and in corresponding Implementation Plan.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Section 28 of the Disability Services Act 1994 requires each public authority (including local governments) to prepare and adopt a disability access and inclusion plan to ensure that in so far as its functions involve dealings with the general public, the performance of those functions furthers the principles in Schedule 1 and meets the objectives in Schedule 2.

This section of the Act further provides that not more than 5 years is to elapse –

- (a) between the day on which a public authority first lodges its disability access and inclusion plan with the Commission and the day it lodges a report of a review of the plan with the Commission; or
- (b) between the lodgement of the report of one review of a plan and the lodgement of the report of another review of the plan.

After reviewing its disability access and inclusion plan, a public authority may amend the plan or prepare a new plan.

Local Government Act 1995 – Section 5.8. Establishment of committees – provides that a local government may establish committees of 3 or more persons to assist the council and to exercise the powers and discharge the duties of the local government that can be delegated to committees.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS Nil

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

The enhancement of service levels and community infrastructure for people with disability has significant social benefit for the community in making our Shire a welcoming and accessible place in which to live. Strategies contained in the Plan such as “Your Welcome” initiatives have economic benefits for the business / tourism industry if premises are accessible

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Consideration of this matter is consistent with Key Focus Area 2 – Objective 2.2 - Provide facilities and services which recognise the diverse needs of the community, and 2.5 - To ensure that all Community Plans are diverse, of best practice, innovative and appropriate to demographics. Key Focus Area 5 – Objective 5 Maintain and improve safe and sustainable infrastructure to meet the community needs.

CONSULTATION

Nil

COMMENT

The Shire of Capel engaged Disability Access Consultant, Cindy Evans, to conduct consultation of key stakeholder groups to develop the Disability Access and Inclusion Plan 2012 – 2017 and the Disability Access and Inclusion Implementation Plan.

Cindy Evans attended the Disability Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee meeting on 26th April 2012 to consult with Committee Members as representatives of a range of stakeholders including, Disability Services Commission, Home and Community Care, Capel and Boyanup Seniors and people with disabilities.

The consultation session was conducted as a focus group where each Committee Member had the opportunity to identify key achievements from the previous Disability Access and Inclusion Plan. Committee members were asked to identify issues and concerns that needed to be addressed in the Plan and which of these they considered to be a priority of Council for 2012 -2017.

The achievements, issues, objectives and strategies that were raised during the consultation with the Disability Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee were considered in the development of the Disability Access and Inclusion Plan 2012 - 2017 and the Implementation Plan.

DA0402 STAFF RECOMMENDATION/COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Moved Cr Smith, Seconded Cr Norton

It be recommended to Council that the Draft Shire of Capel Disability Access and Inclusion Plan and Implementation Plan 2012-2017 be adopted for public comment.

Carried
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VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple majority

NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE

Nil

MEETING CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 12.00pm.

These minutes were confirmed at an Disability Access Inclusion
Plan Committee meeting on 2012.

Signed

Presiding Person at the meeting at which time the minutes were
confirmed.

Date